

RHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012

I. Call to Order at 7:06 PM

II. Review and Approve November 13, 2012 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Terri Hesse and seconded by Sally Kelly.

III. President's Report - Mike McGrath

Mike has been in contact with Barbara Slayton regarding the Howard County policy being considered for healthy food options. Barbara is President of Atholton's Athletic Boosters and represents the boosters organizations for all Howard County high schools to the Howard County Wellness Policy Committee. Their proposed policy changes may effect our future fundraisers, concessions, etc. At present the changes have not been finalized, but may effect the next school year. We are on their information distribution list.

IV. Treasurer's Report - John Meehan

John distributed the updated through November, budget to actual, Proposed Budget for 2012-2013. Overall we are approximately \$7000 ahead. He noted Income received from t-shirt sales, Fall Marching Band Competition, Gift Card sales and the Pizza/Pretzels fundraiser. John also noted the decrease in Expenses for Color Guard Uniforms and Equipment and Marching Band Transportation.

V. Committee Reports

A. Marching Band Banquet - Lois Lamich

Lois reported that things went smoothly and that there were many volunteers for the event. There was no significant \$ profit for the event.

B. Winter Concerts - Joan Jenkins (not present)

Part 1 of the concert was Friday, Dec. 7, with Part 2 tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 12. Joan had expressed that there is no list of procedures to follow for the events. Sally Kelly suggested that there is need for a "House Manager" position list of duties, etc. Mike McGrath said that he will see Joan with a list to help her. Ticket collection and Ticket Booth issues were discussed. Jackie Horvath saw people in the auditorium as early as 5 PM for the 7PM concert, before tickets were collected at the door. The house was not "cleared" before the concert. People were unclear as to where to buy the tickets, some going to the "will call" or grocery card tables. More directional signs were suggested. Mike McGrath will talk with Paula Gallagher (not present) regarding leaving the ticket office open longer. Mr. Dubbs will talk with Yvonne Lee

(not present) to see if she needs more student volunteers to bring in concessions to sell.

C. Patron Ads - Sandy Aleksei

Total collected this year is \$2305. This is \$175 less than last year. It is \$700 less than budgeted.

D. Fruit Sales - Sandy Aleksei

The gross sales so far are \$8264. This is \$1275 more than last year. The second sale delivery will be this Saturday. There will be price changes for the January sale because the fruit will not be available from Florida and will be coming from California.

E. Dinner Raffle - Cheryl De Pinto

The fundraiser is well underway. All but 20 students have picked up their raffle ticket packets. An announcement will be made at tomorrow's concert. Cheryl said there are two major issues with this year's sale. Not as many restaurants are donating. Only 16 have agreed so far; enough for the grand prize but down from last year. She and Jackie Horvath will continue to pursue more donations. Several restaurants who have donated in past years will not be donating this year because they are "strapped" or cutting back. Cheryl said some restaurants would participate only if the boosters would have a "night at their location" fundraiser. Also, there was an incorrect email address on the flyer. Chris Armstrong will correct it on the website. Mr. Dubbs said that some of the tickets were blank on the back with no Pizza Hut coupon. Cheryl may go back to the printer for a reprint or a refund.

F. Pops Concert - Cheryl Ruffa (not present)

Mike McGrath will contact Cheryl to see if she will continue to chair the event. There is one meeting before the concert.

G. Subs Sales - Chris Armstrong, Dave Meiners

The menu will be the same as last year. Sub sandwiches are \$7 each or a Party Pack with 4 subs and a large bag of chips for \$28. Lynn Seibel, Seibel's Restaurant, will again purchase and slice all meats. The sale will start after Winter Break this year and continue through Jan. 20. Checks only are accepted this year. On Sub Prep day, Feb. 1, food scales are needed. Anyone who can lend them for the day please contact Chris or Dave. Dave will reserve the cafeteria, apply for the county health dept. permit and arrange for cafeteria staff.

H. Art Auction - Sally Kelly

Centennial High School is no longer interested in participating with us this year. Marlin Art was to provide the pieces for auction. A decision needs to be made regarding whether the RHS Music Boosters can do the auction alone and make a profit. Considerations include the 3% credit card fees, the insurance policy rider, questions about serving alcohol and the magic number of 100 participants.

I. Musical Madness 5K Race - Greg Schuler

May 18 is the 7th Annual Race. Greg has agreed to chair the event again and is asking for someone to assist. Sponsors from past years include Feet First Sports, Looney's Pub and APL Credit Union. A Sponsor flyer is available. Event registration will open in January. He has the police permit.

J. Grocery Cards - Laura Kane

In November 145 cards were sold with a booster profit of \$293. Since July, there has been a \$1143 profit.

K. Spring Trip - Matt Dubbs, Terri Hesse

Terri is the Spring Trip Treasurer. Decisions are being made regarding the bus company that will be used. Tentatively, the Spring Trip fee per student, if 150 students participate, will be \$750. The payment schedule would be: Jan. 8, \$200, Feb. 1 \$250, March 1, the final balance due (subtracting student's account \$ from fundraisers. April 15 is Pledge Night. Information will go out to parents at tomorrow's concert, the list serve, Music web site post, RHS web site, Reservoir Topics Today, etc. Mr. Dubbs addressed the changes to graduating student funding credits this year.

VI. Director's Comments - Dr. Greg Knauf, Mr. Matt Dubbs

Dr. Knauf said the first part of the Winter Concert went well. The Madrigals are going to perform at the U.S. Department of Labor. They will also be performing at Cedar Lane School and tentatively at Hammond Elementary and Riderwood Assisted Living. There will be auditions for the Spring Musical, "Singing in the Rain", before Winter Break.

Mr. Dubbs is tying up loose ends for the Spring Trip. He is considering themes for the January Pops Concert. He thanked Lois Lamich for chairing the Marching Band Banquet.

VII. Pat Saunderson, Principal

Mr. Saunderson stopped by to say hello and thank the Music Boosters for all they have been doing for RHS. He says he is aware and involved with issues we have brought to his attention and is continuing to provide assistance as an advocate.

VIII. Old Business

Sally Kelly reminded us that last year's proposed changes to the By-Laws need to be brought to the general membership.

IX. New Business

None

X. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Armstrong and seconded by Terri Hesse. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Pearson
Recording Secretary